

## **Pat Gives Back: Belize Conservation History**

Pat Gives Back grew from a community of people touched by Pat the jaguar, who was a three-time offender and cattle killer in Belize. He was out of options, and was accepted into the Belize Zoo's Problem Jaguar Rehabilitation Program. Once he was healthy and comfortable around people the decision was made to integrate him into a new life at the Milwaukee County Zoo in 2007. Pat went on to sire two litters of cubs and brought much needed genetic health to the jaguar population in North American Zoos.



In 2016, his keepers from Milwaukee traveled to Belize to see how they could get involved and support jaguars like Pat in their natural habitat. From this initial visit the Belize Zookeeper Workshop and Keeper Exchanges program were created to support Belizean staff training and education. Today, the program has grown to support other Belizean conservation efforts including: tapir research and collision mitigation, jaguar-human conflict management, and reintroduction efforts of howler monkeys among many other initiatives.

### **Our Vision:**

**Pat Gives Back continues the legacy of Pat the Great Cat by giving back to those who gave Pat a second chance, giving back to Pat's wild counterparts and giving back to the people and the country of Belize.**

### **Our Mission:**

Pat Gives Back will provide needed support for those working towards securing a future for all of Belize's native wildlife. We do this by:

- Coordinating workshops at the Belize Zoo, keeper exchange opportunities and conference scholarships for the keepers of the Belize Zoo
- Supporting conservation efforts of imperiled Belizean wildlife including jaguar, tapirs, and other endemic species
- Supporting educational opportunities to increase public knowledge of Belizean wildlife

For more information on how you can support this program, please get in touch with us by contacting:

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